

Torrance, California  
April 21, 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 21st., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

Absent: Trustees: None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7th., 1931, be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Southern California Edison Company, under date of April 9th., 1931, addressed to Mr. A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, in which they enclosed Check No. 40177 in the sum of \$1,050.76, representing the payment due of 2% of gross receipts from sale of electric energy for period January 1st., 1930, to December 31st., 1930, as per terms of franchise in the City of Torrance.

Trustee Steiner moved that this check be accepted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, under date of April 20th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable Council, and enclosing copy of resolution adopted at the recent joint meeting of the Council and Chamber of Commerce, recommending that the City Council adopt necessary proceedings to in effect reduce the advertising and publicity levy by a sum sufficient to provide the entire interest carrying charges and amortization of the proposed \$150,000.00 park bond issue without any increase whatsoever in municipal tax.

Trustee Nelson moved that this be filed for future reference.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition that was filed in his office at 7:30 P. M., April 21st., 1931, asking that an election be called in the City of Torrance for the purpose of choosing a board of fifteen freeholders to frame a charter for this City. This petition was signed by (57) signers.

Trustee Steiner stated that the purpose of having this acted upon tonight was so that it might be included in the park bond election, thereby not creating any more expense to the City for a special election.

Trustee Smith moved that the petition be referred to the Clerk for checking and reported on at the adjourned regular meeting to be held Monday night, 7:45 P. M., April 27th., 1931.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read an invitation from the American Legion, asking the Council to attend a joint meeting in the American Legion Hall, April 28th., 1931.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk notify Commander Conners that the Council accepts the invitation.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 493.

## RESPECTING COUNTY AID FOR CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Trustee Smith moved that Resolution No. 493 be adopted.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 218.

## CALLING A SPECIAL ANNEXATION ELECTION FOR MAY 26TH., 1931.

Trustee Bell moved that Ordinance No. 218 be adopted for its final reading.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Steiner brought up the question of adding to the park bond election another separate \$30,000.00 bond issue for the purpose of providing the necessary amount of money to join the Metropolitan Water District without raising the tax rate.

After discussing this matter, also the tax rate for this year, it was the consensus of opinion, that this should not be offered to the people in that way.

Attorney Briney stated that he had run across an Act whereby the City might borrow money to pay off old obligations, but he would have to look into it further.

This question is to be brought up at the meeting Monday night.

Engineer Leonard reported with reference to the improvement or abandonment of Streets in Tract No. 10321, that the owners have been notified that the Council will expect a Street Guarantee Title Search covering the streets in this Tract before vacation would be considered, but he had not heard from them as yet.

Engineer Leonard reported with reference to the water suit, that while this case has been filed in the Appellate Court the question of whether it would be acted upon by that court was under consideration and that he was informed in case the court of Appeals decided that it should have come to them in a regular way he understood it was the purpose of the attorneys having the matter in charge to start action in the State Supreme Court at once and that this matter would undoubtedly be settled in a short time.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the extension of Prairie Avenue that he had received a letter from the General Petroleum Corporation to the effect that the Dominguez Land Corporation had reported that they had never dedicated the street, and the General Petroleum Corporation had also reported that the General Petroleum Corporation had never dedicated the street and were not disposed to recognize that any street now exists in place of question.

After considerable discussion as to whether or not the City should bear the expense of installing seven (7) hydrants in the Walteria section and also pay a monthly rental for the use of the hydrants, it was decided that the City would advance the necessary funds to Mr. Charles H. Quandt to install seven hydrants, the rental for which was to be \$2.00 per month; that the City was to be relieved of paying this rental fee until such time as the cost of installing the hydrants had been absorbed by rental charges after which time the City will pay a rental of \$2.00 a month per hydrant.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City furnish the money for the installation of the seven (7) hydrants if Mr. Charles H. Quandt is willing to give hydrant service to the City for a time until it is all paid back to the City in rental, and thereafter the City will pay him \$2.00 a month per hydrant.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City furnish the money for the installation of the seven (7) hydrants if Mr. Charles H. Quandt is willing to give hydrant service to the City for a time until it is all paid back to the City in rental, and thereafter the City will pay him \$2.00 a month per hydrant rental.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Mr. Quandt called the Councils attention to a franchise granted him for extension of water lines under the conditions of which franchise a charge of \$1.00 per rod was to be made. Mr. Quandt stated that a franchise granted to him by the County to lay water pipes before the section became a part of the City of Torrance, a charge of \$15.00 per mile had been made, and that he did not consider that a charge of \$1.00 a rod should be made provided he desired to extend his lines.

The discussion of this question and future action to be taken in the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Trustee Steiner moved that a telephone be installed in the City Yard.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Smith moved that Mr. A. D. Stevenson be appointed as Assistant Fire Chief of the City of Torrance on recommendation of Fire Chief Hannebrink.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Smith moved that the City purchase a Cooper Hose Jacket for the Fire Department for \$30.00.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith and Steiner.  
 NOES: " Dennis.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney suggested that the City serve another notice on the Pacific Electric with reference to the extension of their line on Redondo Boulevard.

Trustee Nelson moved that the City Attorney and City Engineer take the proper steps to notify the Pacific Electric to install tracks and operate a railway on Redondo Boulevard as required by deeds from the Dominguez Land Corporation and recorded in Book No. 4632, Page 298, and Book No. 5233, Page 143, Official Records of Los Angeles County, California.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Nelson moved that the meeting be adjourned to Monday night, April 27th., 1931, at 7:45 P. M.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

*A. N. Bartlett*  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

*John Dennis*  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.